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ADVANCE INFORMATION REGARDING GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF INTEREST TO THE PARTICIPANTS

1. The Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, convened in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1988/116, will be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 25 August to 3 September 1992.

2. A secretariat has been established to act as an organizing body for the Conference. The address is:

Secretariat of the Sixth United Nations Conference
on the Standardization of Geographical Names
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Registration and accommodation

3. (a) The Government of each participating country is requested to submit to the United Nations Secretariat a list of the members of its delegation, if possible not later than 15 July 1992. This will help the Secretariat to make the conference documents available to prospective participants for study in advance of the Conference;

(b) The credentials of representatives, and the names of alternate representatives, advisers and experts should be submitted to the Executive

Secretary, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. The credentials should be issued by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs;

(c) New York offers a wide choice of accommodation. The addresses and rates of some of the hotels are shown in the attached New York hotel guide. Participants are reminded that the Conference will take place during the tourist season and that they should therefore make their hotel reservations well in advance. The Secretariat cannot make reservations for participants.

Documentation for the Conference

4. The procedure for dealing with the documentation for the Conference is set out in document E/CONF.85/INF/1.

Transportation

5. Owing to budgetary limitations, it will not be possible to provide transport facilities. Participants will therefore be required to make their own arrangements for attending meetings. The average trip from New York international airports (John F. Kennedy, La Guardia) to the Grand Central Station (about 4 blocks from the United Nations) takes about one hour at a cost of US$ 30-40 for a taxi or US$ 10-13 for the "Carey" bus. The average trip from Newark International Airport takes about 45 minutes at a cost of US$ 5 for the "Olympia" bus.

Immigration requirements

6. Participants are requested to arrive in the United States with appropriate entry visas. For the latest information, please contact the nearest United States Consulate General or Embassy.

Health regulations

7. No vaccinations are required for entry into the United States.

Currency, foreign exchange and customs regulations

8. (a) There are no restrictions with regard to import, export and exchange of United States dollars. If you bring into or take out of the United States more than $10,000 (United States currency or foreign equivalent, or a combination of the two) you are required by law to file a report with the United States Customs Service;

(b) Travellers' cheques and bank notes are exchanged in the United States by banks and official exchange offices and also by hotels and major commercial establishments;

(c) Persons entering the United States may import, free of customs duty, personal possessions and sports equipment. Each person of age 21 or over is also entitled to enter the United States with 1 litre (2.1 pints) of wine or liquor; 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of tobacco. Visitors must declare the total value of all gifts they are bringing with them. The amount of duty to be paid will be determined by the United States Customs officer. Non-residents are normally entitled to a duty-free exemption of $100. Be careful not to take in meat or meat products, seeds, plants, fruits, etc. For further customs information, it is recommended that the nearest United States Consulate General or Embassy be contacted.

Climate and clothing

9. August and September are late summer and early autumn months. Appropriate clothing is recommended.

Temperature:	August monthly average:	24 degrees C (76 degrees F)
	August daily maximum:	28 degrees C (84 degrees F)
	August daily minimum:	19 degrees C (67 degrees F)

Rainfall: August monthly average: 102 mm (4"0)

Electricity supply

10. The electric current used throughout the United States is 110 volts, alternating current 60 cycles.

Exhibition

11. A small space will be made available to delegations wishing to display publications and other cartographic products related to geographical names. The display area will be on the Conference premises of the United Nations Secretariat building. Additional requirements would have to be rented. Delegations wishing to display material should contact, as soon as possible, the Secretariat, at the address given in paragraph 2 above.